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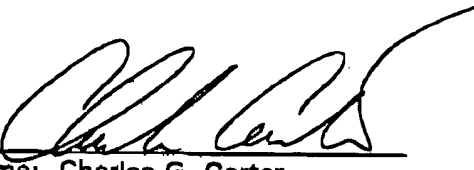
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(1) Substitute Preliminary Amendment;
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: McDonald, et al

Title: ANTIMICROBIAL POLYMER

Appl. No.: 09/850,324

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DISMISSED PETITION FILED

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Sir:

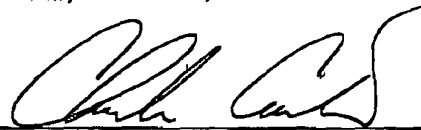
Applicants previously filed a Petition for Acceptance of an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority on April 18, 2003. The Petition was dismissed for failing to make a proper reference, as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(i), that includes the proper relationship of the instant application to prior-filed applications. Applicants believe that the Substitute Preliminary Amendment including herewith amends the application to include a proper reference as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(i). As such, Applicants respectfully request that their Petition for Acceptance of an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority, filed on April 18, 2003, be reconsidered.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, please add the following paragraphs:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/671,784, filed September 27, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,399,714, on June 4, 2002; and this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/698,619, filed October 27, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,495,657, on December 17, 2002.

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